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PAD ARRANGEMENT IN SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

AND METHOD OF DRIVING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I (claim nos. 1-10), with traverse. While the device of Group I and the method of Group II may be distinct for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, applicant believes that simultaneous examination will not present an undue burden. For example, the claims of Group I are drawn to a semiconductor device and the claims of Group II are drawn to a method of making same. The two Groups of claims include subject matters that are classified commonly in class 463 and subclass 17. Under such circumstances, the Examiner is encouraged to maintain all claims in the same application. See, MPEP § 803.

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Early and favorable consideration of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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